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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

MARCI ATKINS,

Plaintiff,

V.

IDEARC MEDIA CORP., a Delaware corporation, f/k/a VERIZON DIRECTORIES CORP.,

Defendant.

Case No.

CV '07 - 1412 - BR

COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

(Sex Discrimination and Retaliation)

Plaintiff alleges:

I.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. Plaintiff brings this action for violation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, et. seq., for sex discrimination and retaliation. Plaintiff also brings a state claim over which this court has supplemental jurisdiction for sex discrimination and retaliation.

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2. Acts complained of herein were committed in the District of Oregon.

II.

THE PARTIES

- 3. Plaintiff is a female resident and citizen of the state of Oregon.
- 4. Defendant is a Delaware corporation doing business in Oregon. At all material times Defendant acted through its agents and employees acting within the course and scope of their agency and/or employment for Defendant.

III.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXHAUSTION

5. This Complaint was filed prior to 90 days from date of issuance of a Right-to-Sue letter by the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

IV.

STATEMENT OF CLAIMS

CLAIM ONE

(Sex Discrimination - 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, et. seq.)

- 6. Plaintiff realleges paragraphs 1 through 5.
- 7. Plaintiff was employed by Defendant commencing May 5, 2005 as an outside sales representative.
- 8. During her employment Defendant subjected Plaintiff to a hostile gender-based working environment in one or more of the following particulars:

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- it subjected female employees to differential treatment from males in that it would berate, intimidate, humiliate and/or demean them privately and in front of coworkers;
- (b) it would subject females to harsh criticism not given to males under similar circumstances;
- (c) it would make degrading statements to Plaintiff, including that she was "stupid" and/or "worthless;" and/or,
- (d) it would give more favorable treatment to male employees than females in providing leads and other business opportunities.
- 9. During her employment Defendant subjected Plaintiff to a hostile sexual working environment in one or more of the following particulars:
 - (a) it knowingly subjected her to a work environment that was laced with sexual statements and innuendoes about her and other female employees in her work unit;
 - (b) her supervisor made sexual advances to her on more than one occasion, including asking her to go to a motel;
 - (c) her supervisor permitted a male coworker to sexually harass Plaintiff and other female employees, which conduct included, but is not limited to, one or more of the following particulars:
 - (1) bragging about his sexual exploits;
 - (2) making comments about female body parts, and how he liked "big tits;"

BUSSE & HUNT 621 SW Morrison St., Suite 521 Portland, OR 97205 Telephone: (503) 248-0504 (3) making sexually suggestive remarks to female employees;

(4) looking down Plaintiff's blouse, or brushing pretended

foreign material off her chest;

(5) telling Plaintiff and other female workers that they were

"sexy;"

(6) staring Plaintiff and other female employees up and down

in a sexually suggestive manner;

(7) making unwanted physical contact with Plaintiff by

touching her or brushing up against her from behind;

(8) making gross sexual comments about how he would like to

"go down" on a female employee, or about how a female

employee would do well if she gave her supervisor oral sex;

(9) making the comment that "women all look the same if they

are naked and turned upside down."

10. As a result of said acts Plaintiff has suffered emotional distress all to her non-

economic damage in an amount to be proven at trial, which sum is alleged to be \$300,000.

11. As a further result of said acts Plaintiff has suffered economic loss in an amount

to be set by a jury, which sum is alleged to be \$100,000.

12. Defendant's acts were wilful and intentional and Defendant should be assessed

punitive damages in an amount to be set by a jury, which sum is alleged to be the maximum

allowable by law for this claim, or \$300,000.

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13. Plaintiff is entitled to reasonable attorneys' and expert witness fees pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, et. seq.

CLAIM TWO

(Retaliation - 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, et. seq.)

- 14. Plaintiff realleges paragraphs 1 through 13.
- 15. During her employment Plaintiff cooperated with an investigation of Defendant's sex discrimination and sexual harassment.
- 16. Defendant retaliated against Plaintiff for providing information about Defendant's discriminatory practices, and/or because she rejected sexual advances, including but not limited to, in one or more of the following particulars:
 - (a) by maintaining a hostile work environment in the mean and threatening treatment she was given;
 - (b) by requiring her to produce the same sales volume even while she was restricted to part-time work in the aftermath of a work-related injury;
 - (c) by giving her leads and accounts to others; and/or,
 - (d) by sabotaging her work by intercepting and withholding incoming and outgoing mail, faxes and/or sales paperwork.

CLAIM THREE

(Sex Discrimination - State)

- 17. Plaintiff realleges paragraphs 1 through 9, 11, 15 and 16.
- 18. Plaintiff is entitled to reasonable attorneys' and expert witness fees pursuant to ORS 659A.885 and ORS 20.107.

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DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

19. Plaintiff demands a jury trial.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment as alleged in the claims stated above.

DATED this 21st day of September, 2007.

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